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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: LAND MINES KILL FOUR IN OVAMBO

1. FOUR OVAMBO CIVILIANS WERE REPORTEDLY KILLED IN TWIN LAND-MINE EXPLOSIONS OVER THE WEEKEND, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. A MILITARY SPOKESMAN REPORTEDLY SAID AN OVAMBO PRIEST AND A HEADMAN WERE BELIEVED TO BE AMONG THOSE KILLED. IN ADDITION, EIGHT OVAMBOS WERE INJURED IN THE TWO EXPLOSIONS NEAR THE SAME LOCATION APPROXIMATELY TEN KILOMETERS FROM THE ANGOLAN BORDER.

2. CHIEF MINISTER OF OVAMBO, PASTOR NDJOBA, WAS QUOTED IN THE PRESS AS SAYING THE EXPLOSIONS CAST DOUBT ON SWAPO'S DESIRE FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION, NDJOBA SAID
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THAT AFTER SWAPO HAD ACCEPTED THE WESTERN PROPOSALS HE HAD APPEALED TO SWAPO TO REMOVE LANDMINES IT HAD LAID IN OVAMBO. "THE PEOPLE ARE TIRED OF THE MURDERS COMMITTED BY NUJOMA", NDJOBA ASSERTED, POINTING AS EVIDENCE TO THE MORE THAT 90,000 PEOPLE WHO HAD ALREADY REGISTERED AS VOTERS OUT OF AN ESTIMATED VOTER POTENTIAL IN OVAMBO OF 180,000.
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